

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 9, and 15-17. Please replace claims 1-3 and 7 with the following amended claims 1-3 and 7. For convenience, a complete set of pending claims is shown below.

--1. (Amended) A method for evaluating a carbohydrate in a sample, the method comprising:

(a) contacting a reduced valency carbohydrate binding ligand (CBL) with

(i) the carbohydrate in the sample and

(ii) a glycoconjugate that includes the carbohydrate; and

(b) determining the extent to which the reduced valency CBL binds the glycoconjugate, the extent of the binding being correlated with the amount of the carbohydrate in the sample.--

--2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reduced valency CBL is a monomeric form of a multimeric protein.--

--3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reduced valency CBL is a lectin.--

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the lectin is Concanavalin A.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the Concanavalin A is mutagenized at residues that participate in dimer-dimer interactions to produce dimers which do not assemble into tetramers.

--7. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the reduced valency CBL and the glycoconjugate include a detectable label.--

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the label is a radioactive label, a fluorescent label, an enzyme, a proximity-based signal generating label moiety, a homogeneous time resolved fluorescence (HTRF) component, a luminescent oxygen channeling assay (LOCI) component, biotin, avidin, an antibody, or an antigen binding portion of the antibody.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the sample is a sample of urine, blood, plasma, saliva, intracellular fluid, interstitial fluid, homogenized cells, or a cell extract.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, or a polysaccharide.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is glucose.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is a component of a glycoprotein.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein the glycoconjugate comprises serum albumin.